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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY FEBRUARY 13

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1. U.S. THE SOVIET PRESS ON FEBRUARY 12-13 CARRIES SEVERAL

TYPICALLY NEGATIVE ITEMS RELATED TO THE U.S. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA BOTH CARRY MILDLY HOSTILE COMMENTARIES ON THE GREEK-U.S. TALKS ON BASES. PRAVDA REPLAYS A TASS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON ON U.S. MILITARY SALES TO IRAN, NOTING THAT IRAN UPPED ITS ORDER FOR F-14S FROM 30 TO 50 AND MENTIONING THE PRESENCE IN IRAN OF 700 AMERICAN "MILITARY INSTRUCTORS." PRAVDA REPLAYS AN ITEM FROM DELHI NEWSPAPER ALLEGING CIA ATTEMPTS TO SMUGGLE ARMS TO ANTI-GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS, WHILE IZVESTIYA REPORTS FORMER CIA DIRECTOR HELMS' ADMISSION THAT HE WITHHELD INFORMATION FROM SENATE INVESTIGATIONS ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN CHILE. PRAVDA'S CARTOON SHOWS A NATO FORTRESS SURROUNDING AN ISLAND OF OIL WELLS, CHARGING THAT NATO SEEKS TO TAKE AND HOLD ALL NORTH SEA OIL. A TOLKUNOV IN PRAVDA COMMENTS ON THE DIFFICULT LOT OF AMERICAN "BLUE COLLAR" WORKERS, WHILE BANDURA IN IZVESTIYA REPORTS ON A TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN BY THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY AGAINST CONGRESSMEN.

2. U.K. PRAVDA CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE PICTURE AND BIO SKETCH OF PRIME MINISTER WILSON, WHO ARRIVES IN MOSCOW TODAY.

3. CHINA. THE CENTRAL MEDIA REPLAY THE BRIEF TASS ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ILICHEV'S ARRIVAL IN PEKING ON FEBRUARY 12, NOTING THAT HE WAS MET BY THE HEAD OF THE PRC DELEGATION TO THE BORDER TALKS, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LKRG.

4. GREECE. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA COMMENTARIES ON U.S. GREEK TALKS ABOUT MILITARY COOPERATION ALLEGE GREECE IS SUBJECT TO STRONG PRESSURES FROM NATO, THE U.S. AND INTERNAL REACTIONARY CIRCLES TO FREEZE THE CURRENT SITUATION. COMMENTS CLAIM, HOWEVER, THAT GREEK PROGRESSIVE FORCES VIEW GREECE'S NATO AFFILIATION AND PRESENCE ON GREEK TERRITORY OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AS INCONSISTENT WITH GREEK INTERESTS IN ERA OF DETENTE.

5. PODGORNYY ARTICLE. PODGORNYY'S LENGTHY ARTICLE IN IZVESTIYA (SEPTEL) CONTAINS NOTHING SUBSTANTIVELY NEW. HE LAYS BLAME ON THE WEST FOR THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II, BUT EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZES THE CONTRIBUTION BY THE ALLIES TO THE DEFEAT OF HITLER. HE EXPRESSES READINESS TO UNDERTAKE NEW STEPS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE WEST AND TO EXTEND DETENTE TO THE MILITARY SPHERE. HE CHASTISES THOSE IN THE WEST WHO FEEL THEY CAN MAKE THE SOVIET UNION "PAY" FOR DETENTE. AND HE WRITES THAT

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AMONG THE BENEFITS OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE SHOULD BE IMPROVED COOPERATION IN SOLVING THE FOOD, DISEASE, AND ENERGY PROBLEMS. STOESEL

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